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COMPOSITION COMTAINING THE SAME

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

- I, Ken Shoji, declare the following:
- 1. That I am one of the inventors in the above-identified application.
- That I am currently a researcher employed at Shiseido Research Center (SHIN-YOKOHAMA), with an address of 2-1, Hayabuchi 2-chome, Tsuzuki-ku, Yokohama-Shi, Kanagawa 224-8558, Japan.
- 3. That I have conducted research to compare the stress-relieving effect of the fatty-acidremoved valerian oil (by alkali treatment) with that of valerian oil (without fatty acidremoval), as suggested by Warren et al. (EP 0 183 436), using a State-Trait Anxiety
 inventory (STAI) test on 6 female university students. STAI is a widely used testing
 technique in the field of psychology. The result is shown in the following Figure 1:

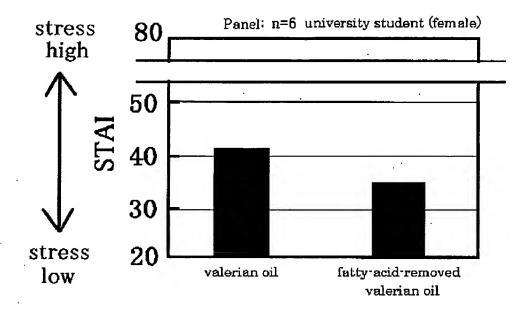


Figure 1

The highest score in STAI is 80 (i.e., with the highest stress) and the lowest is 20 (i.e., with the lowest stress). As shown in the above figure, without the removal of the fatty acids, valerian oil has a STAI score of about 40.7. With the fatty-acid-removed valerian oil, however, the stress is lowered to about 36.8, which is significantly less than that of the stress-relieving effect of valerian oil without fatty acids removal. The result thus shows that our invention of using fatty-acid-removed valerian oil is distinctively different from Warren's disclosure of using valerian oil without fatty-acid-removal.

Table 1. Comparison of the Components of Valerian Oil with or without Alkali Treatment

		Pcak Area (%)	
Peak No.	Component (b.p.)	Valerian Oil	Valerian Oil Obtained by Alkali Treatment
1	α-pinene (157°C)	9.19	8.00
2	Camphene (159°C)	17.46	18.59
3	β-pinene (166°C)	6.73	5.17

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